

The Newspapers Ford Reads

Washington

President Ford reads, scans or skims through nine newspapers daily, according to press assistant Paul Miltich.

He also uses the regular morning news digest which was prepared for former President Nixon.

Miltich said Mr. Ford reads "very fast and observes very well, and usually leaves his Alexandria, Va.,

home in the morning with a flock of newspapers under his arm.

"He prefers to do his own reading," said Miltich, rather than to have it culled and digested by staffers in the digest. "He wants to get it for himself."

The late Presidents Lyndon Johnson and John F. Kennedy used to read newspapers avidly, but Mr. Nixon preferred 30-page summaries that included a wide

spectrum of news from across the world every morning.

The nine papers Mr. Ford regularly reads are the Washington Post, Washington Star-News, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Grand Rapids Press, Wall Street Journal and Christian Science Monitor, Miltich said.

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Ford's First Veto--Marshals' Pay Bill

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President Ford vetoed his first bill yesterday, a measure that would have increased the pay of deputy U.S. marshals.

He called the measure

"unwise and discriminatory."

The bill was described by the White House as similar to a measure that President Nixon pocket-vetoed in October, 1972.

Mr. Ford said in a veto

message to the House of Representatives that he appreciated the service performed by the deputy marshals, but viewed the legislation as running counter to the civil service system principle of equal pay for equal work.

He said that, in some cases, junior marshals would have been paid \$1150 a year more than their senior colleagues under the terms of the bill.

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